

HOTARU NO HIKARI

CHAPTER 61



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M-Moreover,
with such
a beautiful
young lady...!!



It's not
even been a
month since
he said he
"split up"
with his
ex-wife...!

I COULDN'T GET A
PROPER LOOK AT HER
FACE, BUT SHE HAD THE
AIR OF SOMEONE WHO
WAS QUITE CONFIDENT
ABOUT HER LOOKS!



BUT
SHE WAS
WEARING A
HINDRY
AND BOOTS
WITHOUT
HEELS

I SAY
YOUNG, BUT
SHE LOOKED
SOMEWHAT
OLDER THAN
ME... SAY 20?
30 ?



HUH?
YOU'RE
STILL UP,
AMEMIYA?



ANY!

So what?
Even here,
I'm playing
the part of
the evil
rival...!!

POPP
OPENS

I'M
HOME



Ooh!
Acquaintance...!
An acquaintance...
is it...?

HM?



YES.

YOU
LOOK LIKE
YOU'RE IN
AN AWFULLY
GOOD MOOD
BACKHO.

WELL
YEAH I'M
AN ACQUAINTANCE
AND HAD A BIT
TOO MUCH TO DRINK.



AH!

WHAT'S...
THIS?



?

HEHEH

FOR WHOM
SAKE DO YOU
THINK I'M
WORRYING?



IT'S NOT
NOTHING
IT'S JUST
THAT I HAD
A LOT ON
MY MIND

WHICH IS
WHY I WAS
TRYING TO
FOCUS
ON
SOME
THING

HAHAHA!
WHY'S THAT?
ANOTHER TRIVIAL
PROBLEM?
WHY NOT TRY
AND TELL ME
ABOUT IT?

HMM.

A-
I was
a bit
nervous
about
talking
with?

GO
ON

NO, ACTUALLY
MY F- "FRIEND"
WOUND UP IN A
REALLY TOUGH
SPOT BECAUSE
OF LOVE.
THAT'S WHY.

O-
GEEZ
THERE
YOU
COULD
SAY I'M IN
A TOUGH
SPOT...

WHA-

SO GO OUT
WITH THE
GUY THAT YOU
SPENT THE
NIGHT WITH?

IT'S FINE,
ISN'T IT?

IT'S
BECAUSE
YOU LET
SUCH THINGS
BOTHER
YOU THAT

IT'S A
PURE AND
SIMPLE
FRIENDSHIP.
NO-MORE-
OVER. JUST
THINK
ABOUT
YOU-GIRL
A...

W-
WHAT
ARE YOU
TALKING
ABOUT?

DON'T BE
STUPID

YOU'LL
REMAIN A
DRIED FISH
FOR THE
REST OF
YOUR LIFE



AND THOSE
HAPPY GIRLS
WHO ALWAYS
HAVE A GUY?

DO YOU KNOW
THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN YOU
PEOPLE



I MEAN
YOU'RE
RIGHT
BUT...

UH... I
GUESS SO?
WHAT'S IT
TO YOU?



IF THEY CAN
START OUT WELL,
IT MEANS THE
CHEMISTRY
BETWEEN THEM
IS RIGHT.

PEOPLE
WHO ARE
SKILLED IN
ROMANCE
TRY TO CATCH
THE WAVE,
EVEN IF IT'S
ONLY FOR THE
TIME BEING



I LEFT-
BRAINED?

DIED FISH
LIKE YOU ARE
PREDOMINANTLY
LEFT-BRAINED
THINGS WHO
ANALYZE THE
SITUATION AND
THEREFORE DO
NOT LOSE THEIR
HEADS OVER
LOVE



THAT
PARTICULARLY
APPLIES TO
WOMEN LIKE
YOU WHO'VE
ALREADY SEEN
LIVING THE
DREAM ONCE



BUT
PEOPLE
LIKE YOU
ARE ALWAYS
WAITING FOR
THE PERFECT
GUY TO COME.
AND KEEP
ON MISSING
OUT

WITHOUT
KNOWING HOW
TO JUMP IN YOU
STAND STOCK STILL AT
THE BEACH, AND THEN
SUDDENLY WITHOUT
EVEN DOING THE
WARM-UP EXERCISES
YOU FLING YOURSELF
RIGHT INTO THE
WATERS AND DIE AN
HONORABLE DEATH...
OR SOMETHING
LIKE THAT



THAT'S
ACTUALLY A
WAVE THAT
WON'T COME
AROUND A
SECOND TIME

JUST SO
YOU KNOW,
NO MATTER HOW
WISEFULLY YOU
WAIT FOR ANOTHER
IDiotic ENCOUNTER
WITH A HAND-
SOME YOUNGER
MAN WHO KISSES
YOU OUT OF
THE BLUE.





MENACE

What's up with
That
romance-
loving

THIS IS NOT A

woman-
izing old
man?

What
the
heck?!

MENACE

STARTLED

I'd bet any
money that
guy's right
in the middle
of a hot
romance!
Damn!

Is he going
with the
flow. Even
though he's
old enough
to know
better?

Is the whole
world for him
(and his romance?)





IT'S LIKE
THERE'S AN
AWKWARD
TENSION
BETWEEN
US AT THE
MOMENT
WE SHOULD
TALK IT
OUT



I SUPPOSE
YOU WON'T
GO OUT WITH
ME FOR A
DRINK
TOMORROW?

NOT AS A
DATE BUT AS
REGULAR
DRINKING
BUDDY



OK



I'm not
the kind of
person who'd
just go with
the flow.

except
for that one
instance where
I got favored
with fortune for
once.

It might be
frustrating,
but like
Buchou said,



And I have
a feeling I've
been repeat-
ing that some-
thing over and
over again.

And then,
finally
exhausted,
surrendering
everything

I become
unconsciously
self-conscious and
work myself into an
outraged state of
paranoia, imagining
stuff along the lines
of "if I were to date
that person, this will
happen! Or that
will happen!"

Even when
I get the
feeling that
something's
about to
begin.



Looking
at the sea
again...



Right
now, is
this...

...the wave I should ride?^P







MOREOVER,
I EVEN
BOUGHT
BREATH
FRESHENER



HAVE I EVER
TOUCHED UP
MY MAKEUP
BEFORE GOING
OUT FOR
DRINKS WITH
MAYO...?

NO



W-WHAT THE
FACE IS COMMON
SENSE? BASIC
COURTESY?

Just what
am I expecting,
keeping my breath
smelling fresh...?



Because
you think too
much, you are
unable to fall
in love.



Wah...





No way...

Is love as
simple as
this...?



But...

HEY.



N-NO
way in
hell it is!

BA-
DUMP

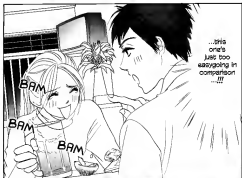
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T-TALK?

YEAH
FRENCH
MESSED UP
THOUGH

SEEMS SHE
WAS RELIEVED
THAT WE ARE
BACK TO BEING
NOTHING BUT
SENPAI AND
KOUHA JUST
AS BEFORE



I HAD A
TALK WITH
YUUKA
TODAY.



LET'S NOT
TALK ABOUT
THAT AGAIN

UM...I'M
PRETTY SURE YOU
MISUNDERSTOOD
HET I MEAN
THAT DAY...

Y-YUUKA-
CHAN?



I GIVE
IT MY BEST
BUT YUUKA
AND I HAVE
REACHED
THAT POINT

FOR HER
SAKE AS
WELL, I
WANT TO
PUT AN END
TO THIS



IN EVERY
LOVE AFFAIR,
THERE COMES
A TIME WHEN
NO MATTER WHAT
WE DO THINGS
DON'T GO WELL
AND WE END UP
HURTING EACH
OTHER



SOME
PEOPLE JUST
AREN'T MEANT
TO BE. THAT'S
WHAT IT BOILS
DOWN TO.

WELL...



Y- YOU
MIGHT BE
RIGHT
ABOUT
THAT. BUT
STILL...

THUD

IT'S
FINE!



THIS
WEEKEND
LET'S TAKE
THE CAR
OUT

AND GO
SOME-
WHERE







shedding
the ~~control~~
of mine

Although I
still don't
really feel like



To be
happy.

and try to
go with the
flow.

I want to
get rid of that
part of me that's
so prone to
overthinking.

Perhaps
this is the
start of a
new love...

